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(General - Patent Pending)**Docket No.
ECV-5413CIP2CON1In Re Application Of: **Carpentier et al.**Serial No.
10/729,035Filing Date
December 5, 2003Examiner
UnknownGroup Art Unit
3738**Title:****FLEXIBLE HEART VALVE AND ASSOCIATED CONNECTING BAND****TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE:**

Transmitted herewith is:

**Combined Petitions under 37 CFR Sections 1.48(b) And 1.48(c) To Correct Inventorship
Statement Under 37 CFR Sections 1.48(a)(2) of Inventors to Be Added
Statement Under 37 CFR Sections 1.48(a)(5) And 3.73(b) of Assignee**

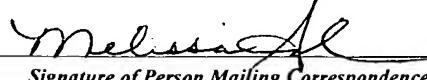
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COMBINED PETITIONS UNDER 37 CFR §§1.48(b) AND 1.48(c)
TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP

MAIL STOP PETITIONS
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The present application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 09/847,930 (the "parent"), filed May 3, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of Application Serial No. 09/332,759, filed June 14, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,558,418 (the "grandparent"). A change of inventors from the parent back to the grandparent case is being made with this combined Petition.

The grandparent listed the following inventors:

1. Alain F. Carpentier
2. Stefan G. Schreck
3. Richard S. Rhee
4. Diana Nguyen-Thien-Nhon
5. Hung Ly Lam
6. William Recktenwald

The parent listed the following inventors:

1. Salvador Marquez
2. Claudio Argento
3. Richard S. Rhee

The following are inventors of the claims of the present application:

1. Alain F. Carpentier
2. Stefan G. Schreck
3. Richard S. Rhee
4. Diana Nguyen-Thien-Nhon
5. Hung Ly Lam
6. William Recktenwald

Therefore, this Petition seeks to remove inventors 1 and 2 of the parent application, namely Salvador Marquez and Claudio Argento, and add inventors 1-2 and 4-6 of the grandparent, namely Alain F. Carpentier, Stefan G. Schreck, Diana Nguyen-Thien-Nhon, Hung Ly Lam, and William Recktenwald.

PETITION UNDER RULE 37 CFR §1.48(b) TO REMOVE INVENTORS

By filing this continuation with new claims, the prosecution of the application has resulted in Salvador Marquez and Claudio Argento not being actual inventors. Applicants request deletion of Salvador Marquez and Claudio Argento as inventors because their invention is no longer being claimed in the present application.

Please charge the processing fee set forth in 37 CFR §1.17(i) to Deposit Account No. 50-1225 (ECV-5413CIP2CON1).

PETITION UNDER RULE 37 CFR §1.48(c) TO ADD INVENTORS

By filing this continuation with new claims, the prosecution of the application has resulted in Alain F. Carpentier, Stefan G. Schreck, Diana Nguyen-Thien-Nhon, Hung Ly Lam, William Recktenwald and Richard S. Rhee being actual inventors. Applicants request addition of Alain F. Carpentier, Stefan G. Schreck, Diana Nguyen-Thien-Nhon, Hung Ly Lam, and William Recktenwald as inventors in the order listed above.

A statement from each person being added as an inventor pursuant to 37 CFR §1.48(c)(2) is attached hereto.

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A declaration by the actual inventors as required by 37 CFR §1.63 is attached hereto.

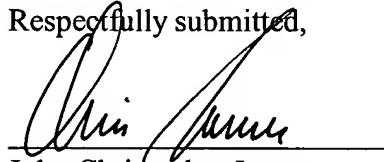
Written consent of the assignee under 37 CFR §3.73(b) to this change is attached hereto.

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Date: *March 30, 2004*

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 148(a)(2) OF INVENTORS TO BE ADDED

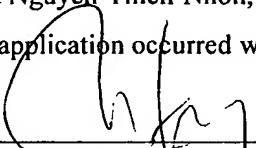
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Dear Sir:

I understand that a change in the inventorship of the above-referenced application is sought to add all five (5) of the signatories below such that the named inventors will now be:

- Alain F. Carpentier
- Stefan G. Schreck
- Richard S. Rhee
- Diana Nguyen-Thien-Nhon
- Hung Ly Lam
- William Recktenwald

By signing below I state that the inventorship error of failing to include Alain F. Carpentier, Stefan G. Schreck, Diana Nguyen-Thien-Nhon, Hung Ly Lam and William Recktenwald as inventors of the above-referenced application occurred without deceptive intention on my part.



Alain F. Carpentier

Dated: 3/16, 2003 2004



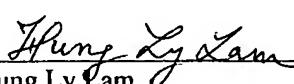
Stefan G. Schreck

Dated: 12/02, 2003



Diana Nguyen-Thien-Nhon

Dated: 12/04, 2003



Hung Ly Lam

Dated: 03/17/04, 2003



William Recktenwald

Dated: _____, 2003



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Alain F. Carpentier

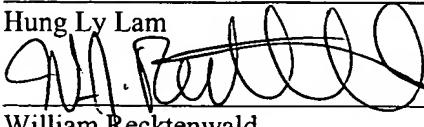
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Stefan G. Schreck

Dated: _____, 2003

Diana Nguyen-Thien-Nhon

Dated: _____, 2003

Hung Ly Lam


William Recktenwald

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Dated: 12-7-03, 2003

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15 STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.48(a)(5) AND 3.73(b) OF ASSIGNEE

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I understand that a change in the inventorship of the above-referenced application is sought to add Alain F. Carpentier, Stefan G. Schreck, Diana Nguyen-Thien-Nhon, Hung Ly Lam and William Recktenwald as inventors such that the named inventors of the patent will now be:

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- Alain F. Carpentier
- Stefan G. Schreck
- Richard S. Rhee
- Diana Nguyen-Thien-Nhon
- Hung Ly Lam
- William Recktenwald

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By signing below I state the following:

1. I agree to the change of inventorship,
2. Edwards Lifesciences Corporation is the owner of the entire right to and the assignee of record of the above-referenced application as shown by the assignment filed concurrently herewith, a copy of which is attached hereto, and
3. I am authorized to act on behalf of Edwards Lifesciences Corporation.

40 Jay P. Wertheim
Vice President, Associate General Counsel &
Assistant Corporate Secretary

Date: March 38th, 2004